

benchmarks described above, the United States and its Allies concluded that at present, there be no changes in SFOR's mission. NATO recommended, however, that steps begin immediately to streamline SFOR. The NAC Foreign and Defense Ministers endorsed this recommendation on December 8, 1998, and December 17, 1998, respectively. The Defense Ministers also endorsed a report from the NATO Military Authorities (NMAs) authorizing further adjustments in SFOR force levels—in response to the evolving security situation and support requirements—to be completed by the end of March 1999. While the specifics of these adjustments are still being worked, they could amount to reductions of as much as 10 percent from the 6,900 U.S. troops currently in SFOR. The 6,900 troop level already represents a 20 percent reduction from the 8,500 U.S. troops deployed in June 1998 and is 66 percent less than peak U.S. deployment of 20,000 troops in 1996.

The NATO Defense Ministers on December 17, 1998, further instructed NMAs to examine options for possible longer-term and more substantial adjustments to the future size and structure of SFOR. Their report is due in early 1999 and will give the United States and its Allies the necessary information on which to base decisions on SFOR's future. We will address this issue in the NAC again at that time. Decisions on future reductions will be taken in the light of progress on implementation of the Peace Agreement. Any and all reductions of U.S. forces in the short or long term will be made in accordance with my Administration's policy that such reductions will not jeopardize the safety of U.S. armed forces serving in BiH.

My Administration values the Congress' substantial support for Dayton implementation. I look forward to continuing to work with the Congress in pursuit of U.S. foreign policy goals in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 4, 1999.

REPORT ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS' FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REQUEST—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT—PM 5

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate on February 5, 1999 during the adjournment of the Senate, received the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the District of Columbia Code, as amended, I am transmitting the District of Columbia Courts' FY 2000 Budget request.

The District of Columbia Courts have submitted a FY 2000 Budget request for

\$131.6 million for its operating expenditures and \$17.4 million for courthouse renovation and improvements. My FY 2000 Budget includes recommended funding levels of \$128.4 million for operations and \$9.0 million for capital improvements for the District Courts. My transmittal of the District of Columbia Courts' budget request does not represent an endorsement of its contents.

I look forward to working with the Congress throughout the FY 2000 appropriation process.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 5, 1999.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1437. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cable Television Service Pleading and Complaint Rules" (Docket 98-54) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1438. A communication from the General Counsel of the Consumer Products Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Child-Resistant Packaging of Minoxidil" (RIN3041-AB72) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1439. A communication from the General Counsel of the Consumer Products Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Sucraid From Special Packaging Requirements Under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act" (RIN3041-AB73) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1440. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod and Pollock in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 012099B) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1441. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Summer Flounder Commercial Quota Transfer from North Carolina to Virginia" (I.D. 010699B) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1442. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inshore-Offshore Allocations of Pollock and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch; Inshore-Offshore Allocation of 1999 Interim Groundfish Specifications" (I.D. 090898D) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1443. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; List of Fisheries and Gear, and Notification Guidelines" (I.D. 022498F) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1444. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Season and Area Apportionment of Atka Mackerel Total Allowable Catch" (I.D. 092998A) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1445. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures for the Pollock Fisheries off Alaska" (I.D. 011199A) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1446. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Exemption From Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Bumper Standard" (NHTSA-99-4993) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1447. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0700 and 0100 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-276-AD) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1448. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-140-AD) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1449. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Belle Plaine, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-51) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1450. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Maquoketa, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-50) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1451. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; San Antonio, TX" (Docket 98-ASW-54) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1452. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Monroe, LA" (Docket 98-ASW-55) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.